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Tri-County Regional Growth: Choices For Our Future

Project Overview

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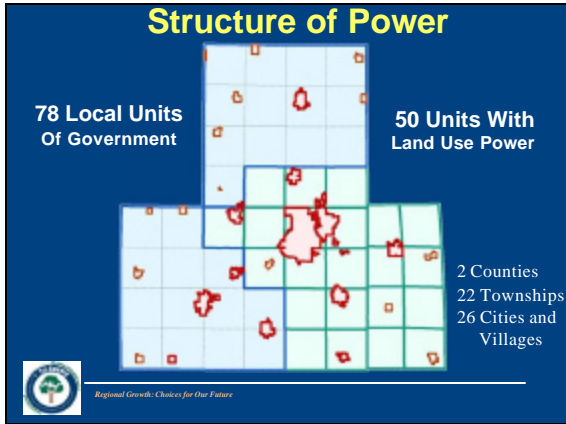
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MISSION STATEMENT

It shall be the mission of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission's "Regional Growth: Choices for the Future" Project to actively engage the citizens of the region to examine implications of regional land use and other growth trends on the region's future and to formulate consensus on a shared vision of regional growth in order to assure improved future regional quality of life and economic competitiveness for our citizens and businesses.



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PRINCIPLE ACTIVITIES

1. Collect and objectively evaluate regional land use and other growth trend information.
2. Actively engage local governments, citizens and stakeholder groups in examining implications of these trends on the region's future.
3. Identify and evaluate alternatives to these trends, as appropriate.

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PRINCIPLE ACTIVITIES

4. Formulate consensus on a shared regional vision about a preferred alternative.
5. Develop tools, techniques and action strategies to implement the shared vision and preferred alternative.
6. Establish a regional process for monitoring and evaluating success at implementing these strategies.

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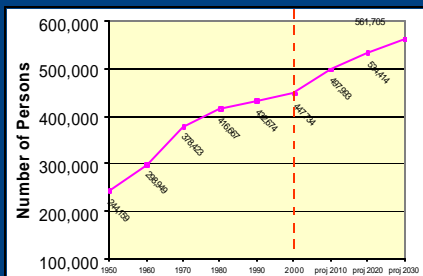
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Trends Summary



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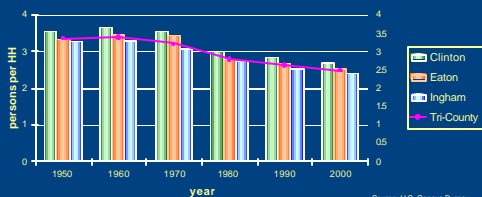
REGIONAL POPULATION



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PERSONS PER HOUSEHOLD (HH)

IN THE TRI-COUNTY REGION, 1950-2000



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The average number of persons per household in the region has fallen from 3.37 in 1950 to 2.49 in 2000. This parallels state and national trends. Many factors account for this trend including fewer births, more divorce, more people living alone, and more older people living healthy lives longer.



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Visions, Goals and Objectives



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Vision Areas

1. Natural Resources
2. Wise Growth
3. Quality of Life
4. Regional Approach
5. Parks and Recreation
6. Economic Development
7. Public Participation



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Alternatives



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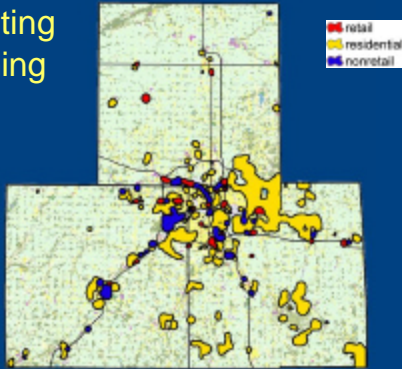
Comparing Alternatives

- Build-out (Assumes no significant change in existing zoning)
- Trend (Business as Usual)
- Alternative (Wise Growth)
- Alternative (Wise Growth) using Build out data.



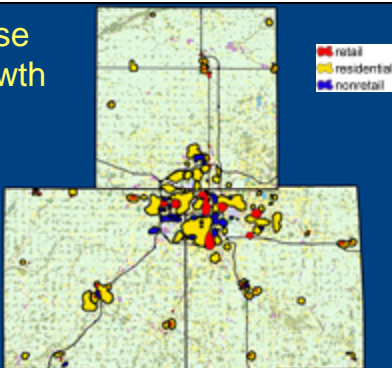
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Existing Zoning



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Wise Growth



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End Of Year Population

- Build Out and Wise Growth (Build Out)
1,462,666 Persons
- Trends and Wise Growth (Trends)
550,166 Persons

End Of Year Households

- Build Out and Wise Growth (Build Out)
446,231 Households
- Trends and Wise Growth (Trends)
228,655 Households



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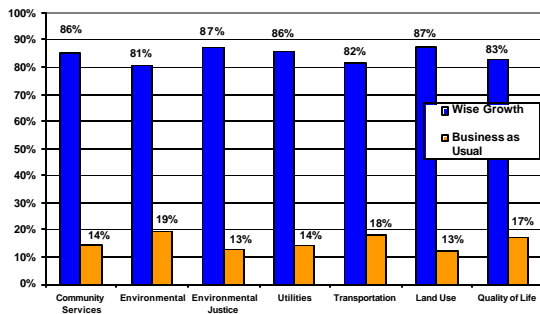
8 Elements of Evaluation

- Community Services
- Environment
- Environmental Justice
- Utilities
- Cost of Public Service
- Transportation
- Land Use
- Quality of Life



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Impact Evaluations



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Regional Vision



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Integrating the “**Regional Growth: Choices For Our Future**” Project in the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission’s Regional 2025 Transportation Plan:

Linking Land Use and Transportation

(A national best practice cited by FHWA, FTA
and others in progress)



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INTEGRATED:

1. Planning processes/committees with interlocking members
2. Extensive public involvement and public opinion research and outreach components
3. Alternatives analysis for land use and transportation
4. Planning process = integrated land use/transportation plan



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REGIONAL 2025 TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Adopted 29 Principles in Five “Themes” for Regional Land Use:

Themes -

- Governmental
- Growth and Redevelopment
- Transportation and other infrastructure
- Open space and resource protection
- Healthy economy and healthy environment



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EXAMPLES OF ADOPTED PRINCIPLES:

Theme = Transportation and Other Infrastructure

Principle #17– Transportation Network

The regional transportation priority will be the enhancement and preservation of the existing road network, public transit and non-motorized modes of transportation, rather than the expansion of the road network in rural areas.

Principle #18–Infrastructure Expansion and Replacement

Infrastructure expansion and replacement will follow the preferred regional vision with clear urban service and rural service areas.



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TRANSPORTATION LINKAGES

Alternatives Analysis:

- Adopted “Wise Growth” Land Use Alternative
- Adopted Transportation Network Alternative includes: mix of projects, “strategic” medium transit system improvements plus assumed “strategic” net 10 percent reduction (0-18%) in regional trips - represents mixed land use and other measures, management and operations improvements, ITS, mode shifts to bike/peds, etc.



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TRANSPORTATION LINKAGES

- MPO adopted policy to establish priorities based on "Wise Growth" Map and Principles
- Adopted "Finding of Public Necessity" for "Wise Growth" to preserve public health, safety, welfare and fiduciary responsibility to taxpayers



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TRANSPORTATION LINKAGES

- Policy Map, Themes and Principles considered as part of project selection criteria
- Adoption/Endorsement of Map, Principles by local governments and transportation agencies considered as project selection criteria
- Current and future improve-expand projects consistent with the Regional Vision



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Thank You for Your Attention!

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